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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of)

Vincent L. Weber)

Serial No.: 10/731,380)

Filed: 12/08/2003)

For: FLOOR CARE APPLIANCE)
WITH FILTER CLEANING)
SYSTEM)

Group Art Unit 1724

Examiner: Robert Arthur Clemente

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Three (3) replacement sheets of drawings containing Figs. 2, 3 and 4

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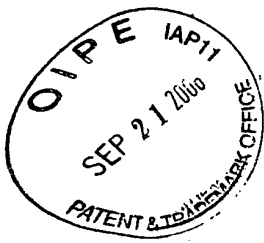
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AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 16, 2006, the Applicant, through his attorney, responds as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper and include 3 attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.